

The following questions were asked to the FAA as part of a public outreach briefing to the Elmhurst City Council on September 29, 2015.

Public Questions from the Federal Aviation Administration O'Hare Modernization Overview Meeting

1. Can you explain the current and future operations regarding runway 4R22L and its effects on the City of Elmhurst?
 - a.
2. Why did the FAA decide to close cross-runways NW to SE instead of those running NW to SW?
 - a.
3. Will the air traffic be equally shared with areas all around the airport? Or will it be more concentrated in Elmhurst?
 - a.
4. Will runway 4R22L be used for inbound or outbound flights? Which is noisier?
 - a.
5. Will this noise be constant or intermittent?
 - a.
6. Has an evaluation been done on air pollution outside of the O'Hare boundaries?
 - a.
7. Is the FAA considering a change in the algorithm calculation being used to measure noise changes?
 - a.
8. Has soundproofing homes been on hold until OPM is complete?
 - a.
9. Will aircraft noise during nighttime hours increase in the future?
 - a.
10. O'Hare airplane noise, especially in north Elmhurst, was continually loud until Oct 2013 & then it dropped noticeably. Early this this year the noise increased but not near previous years and not as regular. Why is this happening and will it get worse in the future?
 - a.
11. Why doesn't FAA encourage utilization of a 2/1 slope rather than then 3/1 slope? Wouldn't this reduce some noise impact?
 - a.
12. I understand that the FAA now requires quieter jet engines for new aircraft. Is there any chance that the law will change to mandate quieter engines on existing aircrafts?
 - a.
13. Do non-airline airplanes such as Fed-Ex and UPS use 4R22L? Do they have quitter engines than airline airplanes?
 - a.
14. How do we find out where the noise monitors are and can we ask for new ones to be put in our neighborhood?
 - a.
15. Can the City of Chicago or the State of Illinois pass a law restricting the number of runways at O'Hare and how often they are used?
 - a.
16. Noise contours are based on outdated 1982 data. Shouldn't new contours be updated to see what was predicted to what is? Shouldn't maps be re-evaluated and updated?
 - a.
17. To what extent does the FAA concur with the findings presented in the Chicago Department of Aviation noise contour map, **Projected Noise Changes at OMP Build-Out**, dated 6//15?